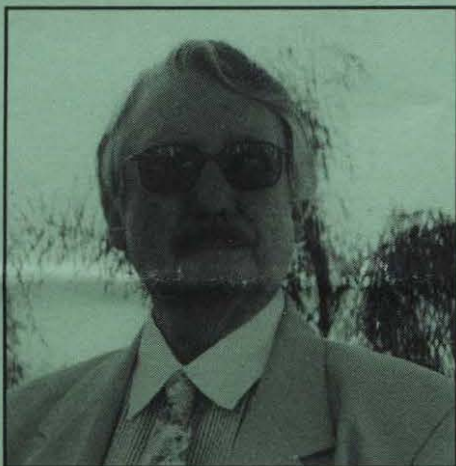


# PBCC EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

JOAN YOUNG, EDITOR



*May meeting, picture courtesy Dr. William Boorman*

## Message from the President ... *Bill Wilson*

Our May meeting was well attended and went well. Some members who we have not seen for too long showed up: Chuck Graham, Don Cook, and Pat Dyer. Their attendance and participation were welcome surprises.

At this meeting members elected officers for 2008-2009:

**President - Bill Wilson**

**Vice-Pres. - Kathleen Asher**

**Secretary - Joan Young**

**Treasurer - Honey Duncan**

and the following officers were appointed:

**Social Welfare Committee - Honey Duncan**

**Newsletter Editor - Joan Young**

**College Liaison - Kathleen Asher**

**Parliamentarian - Honey Duncan.**

(For other committees, see page 4.)

Do you notice that four members are doing eight jobs for EFA? Do these names sound familiar? They should. These same people have been volunteering for these positions in the Emeritus Faculty Association for many years. It seems unfair that a handful of our members should assume all the work involved in running this organization, while the rest do nothing but sit back and reap the benefits of belonging.

At last count we have almost 100 members and only about 20% of them live outside of Palm Beach County. Actually, much of the "work" we officers do can be performed online or achieved by e-mail or by "snail mail," so even out-of-county members could contribute in certain positions. (The "big" jobs, like mailing out notices and membership cards or printing the newsletter, are handled by the PBCC employee, Sue Rathbone, whom the College has assigned to take care of us.)

I am also concerned about our membership numbers. We could have many more members. There are many retirees eligible to join us, but not a large number do so. For a very small dues fee they could keep in touch with colleagues they have worked with as friends for years. Yet many retire and do not join the EFA. If you are aware of and/or in touch with other faculty or administrative retirees from PBCC who are not members, please encourage them to join.

Our dues are very modest and have not been raised in spite of rising prices for everything else. Other organizations that I belong to have all raised their dues. Atlantis has raised the cost of our Holiday Party. We are, however, keeping our dues the same. We can do this as long as our membership grows and dues are paid.

Sylvia Meeker gave a very informative and appealing presentation on how to trace our family ancestry at the last meeting. Surprisingly, it turned out that several members are doing the same or at least are involved in the process. (I even brought my own, a large study done by my niece in Tennessee. One Wilson was in Jamestown in 1613. I am looking forward to her further genealogical probes, hoping that she will discover when and where an American Indian entered the mix, according to family lore.)

Mary Bosworth was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate for the Atlantis Country Club. She said it was very timely in that her grand-daughter had just arrived for a visit, and Mary took her for brunch.

Our fall meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 24, in the Faculty Dining Room, Central Campus, at 11:00 AM.** Let's have a big, enthusiastic gathering!

Also, mark your calendars for our **Holiday Party at Atlantis Country Club, Friday, December 5, 2008.** This party gets better each year—good friends, great food, wonderful gifts—all at a real bargain price.

I hope you all had a great summer. Send your news to Joan Young for us all to share.

*See you at the meeting!*



## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Jim and Pam Howell** still reside in Steinhatchee, Florida, but they have purchased a summer home in NW Colorado and have been busy all summer remodeling it to their taste. They have taken time off occasionally to join friends elsewhere in Colorado to four-wheel through the mountains and observe the wildlife. "What a great country we have!" writes Jim.

**Frank and Kathy Adams** are still enjoying life in the mountains of Northwest Georgia. Frank participated in his alma mater's graduation exercises in May. Berry College was celebrating not only his class's 50th reunion, but also the Alumni Association's 100th anniversary. Frank writes that he was "especially proud to march one more time in [his] doctoral cap and gown." In July Frank wrote that he and Kathy planned to attend a family reunion in Pigeon Forge in early August.

**Mary Alice Pugh** toured California earlier this summer with her son, David. They visited the Reagans' Ranch in the Sky and the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, the Nixon Library in Whittier, and William Randolph Hearst's "Castle" in San Simeon. Then, they drove along the coastal highway "until turned back by 'the fires.'" Near Monterey, we ate at the famous Pebble Beach Golf Club, rode around Pacific Grove (the Chautauqua in the West), also the artistic town of Carmel. . . . enjoyed the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, then drove to Stanford University to tour the Hoover Institute and other Hoover sites." Mary Alice reports that she and her family have now visited about 600 Presidential sites.

**Frankie Sprague** enjoyed the springtime dogwood, red bud, and wisteria in northern Georgia on her visit there in May. She writes that she also enjoyed the great "Georgia cooking!"

**Gloria Poorvin** is another traveling lady! Lake Ontario and Niagara Falls in early summer, then North Carolina, a Vermont wedding in September, and a November trip to Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, and Yosemite! She plans then to "slow down for awhile and stay home."

**James McCue** reports that his three-days-a-week dialysis treatment greatly restricts his activity. **Joan Holloway** had a hip replacement. **Paul Graham** writes that he "fell again—nothing doctor can do—so I am

waiting for nature to heal." **Ruth Dooley** is living in an assisted living facility in Plantation following her hip fracture, but she intends to remain active in EFA as long as she can.

**Nancy MacPherson** was hospitalized due to a bad infection earlier this summer and had foot surgery in July, but is now well, except for ongoing arthritis. She plans to leave for Blackberry Mountain in Georgia the middle of September to visit with a cousin for a couple of months. She reported that **Marjorie Toomath** and her husband are also in Georgia, visiting their daughter, grandchild, and great-grandchild.

Another of our members who enjoys the mountains in Georgia is **Kathleen Drawdy**. She and her husband reside there for six months each year (6626 Woodlake Circle, Young Harris, GA 30582).

**Joanne Kelly** and her husband are planning their annual trip to California in October for hiking, followed by more hiking in Texas with sons, Jim and Mike. Son Joel just recently earned a graduate degree and teaches physics in New Orleans.

In July **Alma Harrell** and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a private party with close relatives. They went on a tour of Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota, including Yellowstone National Park and Mt. Rushmore, in honor of the occasion.

**Banna Ghioto** has become an honorary Executive Board member of the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Organization and was their keynote speaker at the Gala Fundraiser Black Tie Event in February.

**Lucille Dickinson** stays busy teaching computer lessons for Senior Net in Boynton Beach.

**Celeste Beck** invites us to check out her blog: [goatfeathers-celeste.blogspot.com](http://goatfeathers-celeste.blogspot.com).

In the subdivision of Gainesville, FL—Haile Plantation—that they reside in, **Joanne and John Connolly** say, "One doesn't see the houses for the trees." They report that Shelley Warm and Carol Wershoven, both formerly of PBCC-South, also live in the "plantation."

Joyce and **Jan Bussell** are going on a safari in Kenya and Tanzania from November 15

through 30. We hope they join us at the meeting in October before they leave and, even more, we hope they return with lots of pictures and stories to share with us!

The reason we haven't seen **Easter Arora** for the past two years, she writes, is that she has been out of the country, mostly in The Philippines to be with her mother, who passed away last October, but she hopes to make it to the Holiday Party in December.

**Don Busselle** died August 18 at Winter Haven Hospital. Don taught English at PBCC's Lake Worth campus, retiring in 1988 after 25 years of service. His wife of 40 years, Jo Lee Busselle, resides in Lake Wales. Jo and Don translated books into Braille for many years, but she will not continue this practice alone. Her social activities include card games (pinochle, poker, and mahjongg) and playing in a bell choir.

**Elizabeth Davey**, former Dean of Women at PBJC, who retired in 1979, died in Gainesville in May this year at the age of 96. She continued to play tennis and bridge into her middle 80s and loved to travel until her last year and a half. For further information contact her daughter, Susanne Rappenecker, at 352-331-4808 or [SRappgator@aol.com](mailto:SRappgator@aol.com).

**Josephine Dampier**, widow of Payge Dampier, still plays duplicate bridge twice a week in and around Lighthouse Point. She now has five great-grandchildren.

**Joan Young** continues to remain active. Besides serving as Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the Emeritus Faculty, she is Secretary of the PBCC Chapter of FACC and on the Executive Board of the FACC statewide Retirees Commission. She also bowls twice a week during the season in two different bowling leagues. Her daughter, Dale, a long-time resident of California, married her domestic partner in Long Beach, CA, on September 3; so now Joan brags that she has one son, one daughter, and two daughters-in-law.

At the convention of the *U.S.S. Coral Sea* Association in Las Vegas in October 2007, **Bill Wilson** was named new Chairman of the *Coral Sea* Scholarship Program. He says it is an important position and more work! Bill and Rosalie Morissey will be in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, the first week of October this year for the annual *Coral Sea* reunion. One of his daughters, who lives



not far away in Indiana, plans to visit them during that week. As most of you know, Bill has continued teaching part-time at PBCC during the many years since he retired, but he has finally quit! Now you can really enjoy your retirement, Bill!

**Dan O'Connell**, however, continues to teach at PBCC and FAU/Davie. In May he and his wife, Ruth, gave a talk—with slides—on their trip to Asia in March to an audience at Holy Trinity Church. They visited Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Seoul, Nagasaki, and Taipei. He writes that he “look[s] forward to seeing fellow emeriti” at the Holiday Party in December. In January he and Ruth plan to circumnavigate the globe on the *Princess Tahitian* out of Fort Lauderdale.

**Mary and Joe Orsenigo** visited her hometown of Deer Isle, Maine, for the 4th of July activities. Mary did volunteer work at the local courthouse in Belle Glade during the summer and returned to work in Customer Services at the Bank of Belle Glade in September.

Auden Reese Jones, “a beautiful, healthy little girl,” was born in July in California, joining 4-year-old Sawyer and 2-year-old Cooper as **Frank Littler's** third grandchild. Frank writes that he was “one of the four grandparents who took turns keeping her brothers fed and entertained during her arrival.”

A phone call to **Frank Leahy** elicited the news that, in general, he's in reasonably good health, although he doesn't feel very well and can't walk well, so doesn't go out much any more. He and Shirley have moved from their home of many years in West Palm Beach to a retirement living facility, Prosperity Oaks of Palm Beach Gardens. Frank says they like everything about the place but the food; so they may consider looking for another place.

We learned in May that **Dorothy Witherspoon** was recuperating after her Pacemaker had been equipped with a new motor and leads in April. Dorothy is back in West Palm Beach for the rest of 2008.

**Banna Ghioto** made the news again in June when she was the keynote speaker at the new Veterans' Cemetery on Flag Day, June 14.

**Bill Boorman** took a trip in late May and early June up the East Coast with his friend Margo. Then in September he was off to California for a reunion, from there to Tahoe for a week at his timeshare, then by train to Seattle to see grandson, Liam, born in early May. We have Bill to thank for all the photos of the May meeting.

**Sylvia Meeker** (to whom we owe the article below) discovered a lot about the term “Scotch-Irish,” which her mother had told her was her ancestry. She had assumed it meant some ancestors were Scottish and some, Irish. Not so. From an article in Wikipedia, she discovered that the Scotch-Irish are descendants of Lowlands Scots who migrated to Ulster (northern Ireland) in the 17th Century.

## *Adventure in France*

*Sylvia Meeker*

I just had a wonderful adventure in June.

My son and his wife were in France for three weeks and they invited me to spend the third week with them in order to fulfill one of my long time goals.

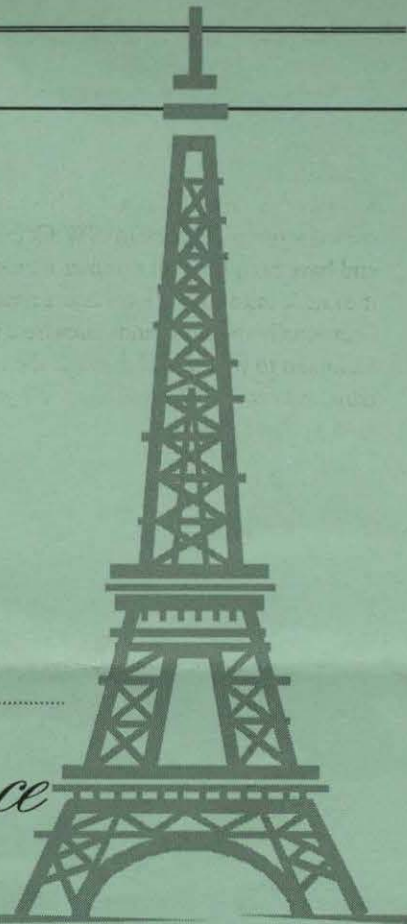
My father-in-law had a pen pal in the 1920s (before he was married) who was a French girl who wanted to work on her English by corresponding with an American. I think my father-in-law got her name and address from some of his friends who were American soldiers in France during WWI.

We still have six of the letters she wrote to him and in one of them she says: “The American soldiers who were in France were always so very generous and I wondered if you would like to contribute to a fund we are raising in order to set up a monument to the French soldiers who died in the war.” Her last letter said: “Thank you very much for your contribution.”

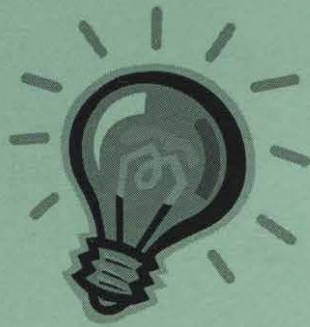
So I've always wanted to go to that town, Pontigny, to see the monument he contributed to. Luckily it was a small town and the people in the Tourist Office recognized her name right away when I told them the story. One of the men walked me down the main street just a few houses away to the home of the nephew of that girl who must have been about 18 when the letters were written. The nephew is now retired from the family business of making beautiful handmade roof tiles. He lives in the family home and is the last one in the family line—has no children to leave the business to so he sold it to a big corporation.

We had a long, very interesting conversation and he told me the rest of the life story of that girl—how she married and lived in Nice with her husband, had no children and died in 1997. He knew that his aunt had raised money for that monument and asked me if my father-in-law had contributed to it. I was surprised that he knew about that request and said, “Oh, yes, he did, and I would love to see the monument.” So he directed us to the monument which was right down the street at the entrance to a wonderful old 12th century Cistercian Abbey that is in Pontigny. It was one of the few such buildings that managed to survive the French Revolution—when so many of the old religious buildings were torn down by angry mobs in that awful time.

So—any way—that was my adventure. The fulfillment of something I have long wanted to do and was beginning to fear that I would never get there.







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#### **DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:**

**October 24, 2008**  
Luncheon Meeting

**December 6, 2008**  
Holiday Party

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